

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS EXAMINATIONS.

The Surgeon General of the Army announces that preliminary examinations for appointment of First Lieutenants in the Army Medical Corps will be held at convenient points the first Monday in each month. Full information concerning these examinations can be procured upon application to the "Surgeon General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C."

The essential requirements to secure an invitation are that the applicant shall be a citizen of the United States, shall be between 22 and 32 years of age at the time of commission at the close of the Army Medical School, a graduate of a medical school legally authorized to confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine, shall be of good moral character and habits, and shall have had at least one year's hospital training as intern after graduation.

Graduate physicians who are serving their internship and who meet the other requirements can be examined for appointment with the understanding that they will complete the required post-graduate hospital internship before coming to the Army Medical School.

Those who qualify at their preliminary examination and complete their hospital internship by July 1st will be ordered to the Army Medical School for the special session of the school commencing July 9th. The regular session of the school will open on October 1.

In order to perfect all arrangements for the examination, applications should be completed at the earliest practicable date.

There are at present 230 vacancies in the Army Medical Corps.

After July 1 there will be 222 additional vacancies.

March 3, 1917.

The Editor,
California State Journal of Medicine,
San Francisco, California.

Sir: Should the country ever be engaged in war, the Medical Department of the Army in calling Reserve officers to the colors, wishes to cause as little hardship and sacrifice to the Reserve medical officers as may be consistent with the needs of the country. With this end in view the Department desires that you bring to the attention of the profession at large the necessity of the city, county, and state medical societies organizing for the purpose of taking care of the practices of the officers of the Reserve who respond to a call for service. In England this plan has proven of great benefit. The idea of the Department is that the profession should organize upon a similar basis.

For example, should Dr. Jones be called to the colors, the local medical society, through its members, would take care of his practice during his absence. Upon relief from active duty his practice would be returned to him intact. Such a plan will cause no unnecessary hardship upon the officer responding to a call for service; while the absence of such plan would penalize the officer who gives his service to the country in a crisis. The Department appeals to the patriotism of the profession, to protect the interest of those of the profession who may be called to duty in war.

For the Surgeon General,
Sincerely,

ROBT. E. NOBLE,
Major, Medical Corps, U. S. Army.

THE PHARMACISTS AND PREPAREDNESS.

A course has been organized by the College of Pharmacy, University of California, to prepare the students to qualify as non-commissioned of-

ficers in the Sanitary Troops in case of war. The course consists of instruction in first aid, by Dr. Richard J. Dowdall, and in regular drills at the Presidio under the instruction of non-commissioned officers of the Sanitary Troops. Eighty-seven students at the College are attending the first aid course, and fifty-two are enrolled in the drill course.

FLEECING THE DOCTORS.

The San Francisco Police Department has called our attention to a criminal who is "working" the doctors and druggists by means of the following letter. The description of the man is furnished by the police. Notify them should he come your way.

Woodland Ranch.

Woodland, Cal., March 6, 1917.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce to you Mr. August D. Cavernora, who has been in my employ as a foreman for the last eight or ten years. Since that time he has been ailing for about nine or ten months and his case is constantly getting worse.

Now, doctor, I have been recommended to you by Dr. E. Gray and also Dr. Stratton, both of Marysville, California. Mr. Cavernora has been sent to you on their request. Would like to state that Mr. Cavernora has a wife and three children and is not abundantly supplied with this world's goods, and for that reason wish you would be as reasonable as possible. He has also got two or three more recommendations, but I advised him to go to you first. Mr. Cavernora is coming to you for examination and if you think you can cure him within a reasonable length of time I would suggest that you would keep him in San Francisco close by you.

Mr. Cavernora has been to several different doctors but from not one of them did he derive any benefit. I also would like to state that if Mr. Cavernora's funds should run out I will credit his account to the amount of \$250.

Kindly notify me before his funds have run out. Also kindly send me a letter as to the result of your examination, stating when you think he will be able to resume work.

Wishing you success, I am

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM J. H. McLANE.

Description of Cavernora:

Age 30; 5 feet 6; 150; looks like an Italian or foreigner; dark sack suit; dark gray overcoat.

NEW MEMBERS.

Dolan, Paul E., Livermore.
Glenn, Robt. A., Oakland.
Martin, L. A., Oakland.
Wythe, Margaret, Oakland.
Ellis, Walter L., Calexico.
Richter, Henry Carl, Calexico.
Brown, F. Earl, Fellows.
Goodall, Oswald Patrick, Bakersfield.
Paulson, J. E., San Quentin.
Klick, John J., Sutter Creek.
Holliger, Charles D., Stockton.
Conzelmann, Fred J., Stockton.
Coleman, Barney E., Mokelumne Hill.
Brown, T. H., Orland.
Rose, L. M., Santa Clara.
Stadtherr, Edw. F., San Jose.
Fraser, Morton Wm., Lemon Cove.

DEATHS.

McFarland, W. L., Benicia.
Healy, John Hopkinson, San Francisco.
Thompson, George Howard, Seattle, Wash.
Hume, Wm. Robert, Oakland.